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House File 343

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 Judiciary 1.

By NICHOLAS.

## A BILL FOR

An Act fixing the ownership of earnings of married persons,  
 providing for management, control and the right to  
 dispose of the same and providing for the liability  
 of the same for certain debts only.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 Section 1. Personal earnings of either a husband or  
 2 wife, or both, subsequent to the effective date of this act,  
 3 shall be deemed their common or community property and each  
 4 shall be vested with an undivided one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) interest  
 5 therein.

1 Sec. 2. The husband shall have the management, control  
 2 and disposal of that one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the community earnings  
 3 earned by him and the wife shall have the same rights in that  
 4 one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) earned by her.

1 Sec. 3. The one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) interest of either the husband  
 2 or wife in and to community property shall not be liable for  
 3 the debts of the other except those debts incurred for the  
 4 reasonable and necessary expenses of the family and the  
 5 education of the children.

### EXPLANATION OF H. F. 343

This act divides the ownership of the personal earnings of either husband or wife equally between them. It gives each the right to manage, control and dispose of his or her interest and exempts the one-half interest of either from the debts of the other save for necessary expenses of the family and the education of the children.